

Hello,

My name is Brittney Finoia and I am a law student at Quinnipiac University School of Law. I am president of the Animal Law Society here at QUSL and I am emailing to show my support for bill HB6187.

There are many statistics that show direct proof of how animal abuse relates to later criminal conduct. Having an attorney represent the interests of an abused animal not only benefits the animal, but also benefits the general population as a whole. Abusers of animals are FIVE TIMES more likely to harm humans. (Animal Legal Defense Fund, Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence. ALDF.org) If animal abusers know that they will be subject to criminal prosecution then maybe the violence against animals will stop and in turn the violence against humans will diminish.

Sadly, at this time it is easy for an animal abuser to be able to slip through the system with only a slap on the wrist. This is a disservice to the community, and with an attorney representing the interests of an abused animal we can more effectively protect the welfare of society.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

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